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Welcome to the interagency technical subcommittee that is being formed to support activities for the interagency memorandum of understanding (attached) between DOE, DOI, and EPA. I was provided your names by your Steering Committee representatives as leads for your agencies to serve on the technical subcommittee.

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The MOU describes development of a collaborative, multi-year research effort focused on "understanding the impacts of developing our Nation's unconventional oil and gas resources and ensure the safe and prudent development of these resources." The MOU also lays out the formation of a multi-Agency Steering Committee to leadership and coordination.

The Steering Committee is engaging a technical subcommittee to help in organizing and defining the information critical for the development of a multi-year research plan for oil and gas related work. The draft charge to the subcommittee is attached. Chris Smith has asked me to serve as interim chair of the subcommittee during its kickoff phase. (Chris is deputy assistant secretary for oil and gas at the Department of Energy and leads the Steering Committee for this first year.)

We have an ambitious schedule for developing a multi-year research plan, so this subcommittee will have to start at a run. As such, we would like to hold a kickoff telecon this Thursday (24 May) followed by a face-to-face meeting in Washington DC on 29-30 May. I realize this is short notice (apologies).

For the call, please let me know your availability in the 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm time frame for this Thursday (24 May). I will try to settle on a 1-hr time slot by tomorrow morning.

For the face-to-face, we will begin the meeting late morning on the 29th (to allow for arrival that morning for out-of-town visitors). The current plan is to coordinate a dinner for that evening. We will continue meeting through lunch on Wednesday (allowing for afternoon return flights). The meeting will be at the Forrestal Building in DC. By the end, we hope to have a well-formed team and to have a substantial start on our activities. Please let me know your availability for this face-to-face.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. I'm looking forward to working with you all on development of this plan.

Thanks,

-George

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When: 1:30-2:30 ET  
Call-in: (202) 586-9212  
Who: Technical Subcommittee and Steering Committee  
What: Kick-off Phone Call for Technical Subcommittee

#### Agenda:

- \* Introductions (All)
- \* Charge to Subcommittee (Chris Smith and Steering Committee)
- \* Plan for Face-to-Face Meeting (Guthrie)

I realize that some of you will not be able to make the call. Please feel free to contact me after if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,